

*Kensico-Eastview Connection Project
Final Environmental Impact Statement
Appendix 1: Response to Comments*

A. INTRODUCTION

This chapter of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) summarizes and responds to all substantive oral and written comments received during the public review period of the Kensico-Eastview Connection (KEC) Project Draft EIS. The public review period began on October 19, 2022, with issuance of the Notice of Completion and Draft EIS for the construction of a new tunnel between the Kensico Reservoir and the Catskill/Delaware Ultraviolet Disinfection (CDUV) Facility by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Draft EIS was prepared in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) procedures and regulations and the guidance of New York City's *CEQR Technical Manual*.

Copies of the Draft EIS were made available for public review at various locations including the Town of Mount Pleasant Town Hall, Town of Mount Pleasant Branch Library, Town of Greenburgh Town Hall, Town of North Castle Town Hall, and DEP offices located in Valhalla and Queens. The document was also made available for public review on DEP's website.¹ DEP held a public meeting on the Draft EIS during the comment period. The hearing was held on December 7, 2022. Written comments were accepted throughout the public comment period, which closed on January 3, 2023.

Section B below identifies the organizations and individuals that provided comments on the KEC Draft EIS.

Section C summarizes and responds to each substantive comment. Following each comment is the name of the organization or individual that made the comment, as listed in Section B. To consolidate the Response to Comments, where multiple comments were made on the same subject matter, these have been grouped together by theme, and where appropriate, a summary may be provided that conveys the substance of a specific comment(s) but does not necessarily repeat the comment(s) verbatim. Individual commenters were then listed together as authors of the illustrative comment. Responses to each comment follow.

¹ The Draft EIS was made available at the following link: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>

B. ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT COMMENTED ON THE KENSICO-EASTVIEW CONNECTION DRAFT EIS

The following organizations and individuals commented on the KEC Draft EIS during the comment period:

1. Cheryl Kundl, oral comment on December 7, 2022
2. J.F. Shea Construction Inc, Michael Stolkin, written comment, November 9, 2022
3. Jim Delmonte, written comment, December 2, 2022

C. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

GENERAL COMMENTS

Comment 1 What will happen to Lakeside Park and West Westlake Drive? (Kundl)

Response 1 Lakeside Park is adjacent to the Kensico Campus and outside of the KEC Project work limits. As noted in the Draft EIS, during construction, no construction worker and truck trips are anticipated to travel along West Westlake Drive; therefore, no effects due to construction would occur. Construction of the KEC Screen Chamber, the largest aboveground structure at the Kensico Campus, and work along the shoreline would involve the use of cranes, which would be used to lift structural components and other large materials. While these cranes would be visible from various locations surrounding the Kensico Campus and beyond, these would result in short-term changes and have limited effect to the larger views of the Kensico Campus from visual resources such as Columbus Avenue, Lakeside Park, or the walkway over the Kensico Dam.

The only construction associated with the KEC Project that would be located adjacent to Lakeside Park on Kensico Campus is the installation of the perimeter fence to secure the campus. The existing staging area and construction vehicles that are associated with other DEP projects on the Kensico Campus will be removed upon the completion of construction of those projects and the KEC Project.

Comment 2 Is there any information on the advertising or the bid schedule for the work? (Stolkin)
When is construction expected to be advertised for bidding? When would preliminary qualifications be required? (Delmonte)

Response 2 Not applicable to the environmental review. Comment was referred to the appropriate procurement office.

Comment 3 What would be the delivery method; design-build or bid-build?
(Delmonte)

Response 3 The KEC Project will consist of multiple design-bid-build contracts.